

## WORLD'S DAILY NEWS

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### SHIPPING IS TIED UP

### MASTERS AND PILOTS AT DEAD-LOCK WITH LAKE CARRIERS.

### Question of Adjustment of Wages—Masters and Pilots Want Season's Pay Whether Boat is in Commission or Not—No Settlement in Sight.

A Cleveland, O., dispatch says: After weeks of conferences between the Lake Carriers' Association and the advisory board of the Masters' and Pilots' Association matters are still at deadlock, and until a settlement can be reached shipping on the great lakes must remain at a standstill.

The executive committee of the owners' organization has reported in substance that the masters and pilots still insist that each master should have nine months' pay whether he worked the whole nine months or only one month, regardless of whether he had been employed at any other vocation during the period, and any one notified prior to January 15 that his services would not be required would consider himself engaged for the ensuing season in the same line and on the same boat, and could not be changed or transferred unless he was given a better boat. Also that no master could be discharged for cause without it being referred to the arbitration board to be selected by the owners or agents, and the directors of the Masters' and Pilots' Association. Yet the master reserved the right to discharge all of the crew under his jurisdiction, and control the boat, with or without cause, as he may elect.

As there was no question of wages involved while the boats were in commission the owners present at the meeting unanimously voted that they would not pay for services not rendered; and further, that as the masters were the direct representatives of the owners of the vessel and responsible to the owner for its operation they must reserve to themselves the right to hire and discharge them for incompetency or when his services were not satisfactory to them. The general meeting of the carriers' association has endorsed this stand.

### JAPS LOSE SHIPS.

Two vessels sent to the bottom by Russians.

The Russian torpedo boats belonging to the Vladivostok squadron, according to advices from St. Petersburg, sank the Japanese military transport Kinshin Maru, of 4,000 tons, during the night of April 26, with all on board, with the exception of 17 officers, 20 soldiers, 65 of the crew and 85 coolies and carriers. The others, who refused to surrender, were sent to the bottom with the ship. The number of drowned was 200.

### BEGGAR'S BRIGHT IDEA.

The Third-Rail Problem May Be Solved by His Invention.

Members of the Charity Society at New York City believe that Alexander McKenzie, a professional beggar, once an electrical engineer, has invented a successful device for the protection of the third rail on the elevated tracks, and will receive the prize of \$100,000 offered by the interborough company for that achievement. Mr. McKenzie's invention has been placed in the hands of a patent collector and a practical test of the device will be made as soon as the patent is secured in Washington.

### ITS WORK IS OVER.

The Fifty-Eighth Congress Adjourned Thursday Afternoon.

A Washington special says: At 2 o'clock Thursday the second session of the Fifty-eighth congress was declared adjourned by President Pro Tem. Frye of the senate and Speaker Cannon in the house.

### Dries Dynamite in Store.

William Francis and baby were killed in a fire which started at midnight destroyed the greater part of the business block of Broadway, Minn., causing a loss of \$150,000.

### A 15-Hour Church Service.

Residents of Oak Park, Chicago, in a long meeting which continued until midnight, subscribed a fund of \$25,000 to wipe out the debt on their \$75,000 M. C. A. building. The meeting continued for fifteen hours.

### Teachers May Wed.

A resolution has been passed by the board of education at New York that teachers in the public schools may contract marriage without the alternative of resigning or being dismissed.

### CRUM NOT CONFIRMED.

### Senate Again Fails to Approve the President's Choice.

The nomination of Wm. D. Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., says a Washington dispatch, was considered Wednesday in an executive session of the senate lasting from 4:35 p. m. to 9:15. A failure to confirm the appointment resulted. At the conclusion of arguments by Senators Gallinger, Spooner, Hale and Aldrich for confirmation, and Senators Daniel, Latimer, Gorman and Clay against confirmation, Senator Cockrell suggested that the senate proceed to legislative business, and the suggestion was adopted.

### Senators Spooner and Daniels, on opposite sides of the question, made the principal speeches. The former defended the Republican policy in relation to free and equal citizenship, without regard to racial prejudice, and the latter declared that the policy of elevating negroes to high positions was contrary to the established law of centuries; that the Anglo-Saxon race is the chosen people to govern the world.

The Crum appointment dies with the adjournment of the present session, but the action of the Democrats in taking a position which Republicans term "a filibuster," they argue, will warrant the president in again making a recess appointment.

The appointment of Crum has been pending for nearly two years and repeatedly has been sent to the senate after failure of that body to act upon it. The president renewed the appointment last November, at the beginning of the extraordinary session, and when congress convened in regular session in December he again sent Crum's name to the senate. Throughout the session the appointment has been pending. It has been postponed from time to time on account of the illness of Senator Tillman of South Carolina, who is insistently opposed to its confirmation.

### KILLED WIFE AND DAUGHTER

### Terrible Crime of a Carpenter at Woodstock, Wis.

A special from Richland Center, Wis., says: Henry Morrison murdered his wife and daughter Wednesday at Woodstock. Morrison is about 35 years old, and a carpenter by trade. He and his wife had been having trouble for several years.

About two weeks ago he left home and went to Ohio, but came back to Richland Center last Friday and from here went to Woodstock. He hired a team, which he drove to Woodstock. He went to his home and after a quarrel shot his wife in the head. A married daughter was at home with her two children, one 7 years old and the other an infant. She started to run with the babe in her arms, but her father overtook her a short distance from the house, threw her to the ground and shot her also in the face.

### POOL SELLING BILL KILLED.

### Means the Abandonment of Races at Cleveland, O.

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### ALARM ON RIVERS.

### High Water Threatens to Do Much Damage.

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### Situation is Alarming.

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Premier Maura was shot at, but not wounded, while on his way to Madrid, Spain, from the Balearic Islands. When between Alicante and Eucina a bullet whizzed through the roof of his car. The incident created great alarm, but no one was injured.

### Eight-Hour Day Bill Hung Up.

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### CROSSED THE YALU.

### Japanese Undoubtedly Over the Korean Rubicon.

Liao Yang advices say: Between darkness and daylight the Japanese forced the passage of the Yalu, two companies crossing between Tchang Djiou and Sia-coussikhe. Heavy firing was heard near Tatum Kau, in which it is believed the Japanese made a feat in order to distract attention from the real point of passage. So far no bridge spans the river. It is believed the Russian fire succeeded in destroying the floating parts of the Japanese bridges.

On April 23 the Russians observed that the Japanese were making preparations to cross the Yalu River.

On the night of April 23 two steamers and two torpedo boats were noticed at the mouth of the river. They approached the shore at daylight and the Japanese commenced to build a pontoon on the left tributary. A second pontoon is being prepared ten miles up the stream.

At 3 o'clock the same afternoon the Japanese occupied the island of Samolindo, to which they carried pontoon boats, etc.

The night passed quietly, the torpedo boats maintaining a careful watch in case the troops ashore had been attacked, and examining the mouth of the river by means of searchlights.

At 3:40 o'clock next morning the Japanese crossed the river near the village of Tchang Djiou, where, however, the Russian outposts commenced firing upon them. The Russian advance guards had been furnished with a small gun, and they succeeded in destroying the pontoon constructed near Wijn. The wrecked pontoon was carried away by the current, and the Japanese bridging operations ceased, but the Japanese continued to cross by another pontoon southward of Wijn.

A Japanese column, with a battery of artillery, approached Turechen at midday, but the Russian skirmishers met them with sharp firing, evidently giving them trouble, as they retired with the battery, which made no attempt to answer the Russian fire.

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### STATE OF NEBRASKA

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

### Alleged Murderer in Jail—James Kelley is Suspected of the Killing of Arthur Snowden—Prisoner Refuses to Say a Word.

Deputy Sheriff Lachnit returned to Columbus from David City with James Kelley, who is charged with the murder of Arthur Snowden at Humphrey on March 28. Kelley will talk to no one, remaining absolutely silent on all questions. Confirmed by Lachnit says, the evidence against him so far is entirely circumstantial, but is quite strong.

Snowden was found murdered in Humphrey Township March 28. His remains were sent to a medical college at Lincoln and were not identified until just recently. His parents are said to live at Kearney.

Kelley has just completed a ten-day sentence at David City for robbing the general merchandise store of E. A. Crum at that city of about \$5,000 worth of clothing. He was sent there with the goods in his possession near the stock yards and pleaded guilty. While he was serving his sentence Sheriff West received a description of the supposed murderer of Arthur Snowden from Humphrey, which was a complete description of his prisoner. The officers of Platte County were notified, and advised when the sentence would expire.

Upon request from the authorities of Platte County the prisoner was again arrested by Sheriff West, as the supposed murderer. Deputy Sheriff H. C. Lachnit of Platte County, accompanied by Sheriff Bauman of Dodge County, went down to David City and immediately identified the prisoner as the man wanted.

The prisoner gives his name as John E. Benton, but it is known that he has gone under the aliases of James Miller, James Kelley, James Thompson and James Morris.

Sheriff West was for a long time chief of police at David City, and is now serving his second term as sheriff of Butler County, and he says that Benton is, in his opinion, one of the toughest criminals he has ever seen or had charge of. Sheriff West believes he will receive the \$400 reward offered by the supervisors of Platte County.

### CROSSER GREETS NEW CARS

Wind and Rain Cannot Stop the Big Harbucue.

In spite of a heavy rain, accompanied by a cold, driving wind, which raged all day Sunday, Crosser's 200 population hospital, Omaha, from a revolver shot wound. With his room-mate, Dick Cosser, he was walking home at an early hour when four colored men passed them and one of the party turned and fired. The shot grazed her hand. Dick Cosser then ran for a doctor and returned. She did not see the revolver fired, but supposed it was in Dick Cosser's hands.

The Crossers are under arrest pending an investigation.

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### DEMANDS INVOICES.

### County Assessor Gets After Merchants at Nebraska City.

County Assessor Grant Zimmerman is having a great deal of difficulty in getting correct assessments from the various merchants in Nebraska City and other towns in the county. He has in a number of cases demanded the invoices of stocks and supplies to let none evade the law this year.

The county surveyor and city officials are making a survey of the railroad property in the county and they propose to have the railroads pay their full share of taxes as well as other corporations doing business in the county.

### Horses Killed by Lightning.

Messrs. Hockett, Gaddis and Scott bought at Grand Island on Friday last thirty-seven head of western horses, turning them in a pasture three miles west of Harvard, Saturday, Monday morning when going to look after them thirteen were found dead along the wire fence, the supposition being that they had been killed by lightning, every indication being that they had dropped dead.

### Aged Man Gets Bad Fall.

Allen Barnes was severely injured at Table Rock by the falling of a scaffold. His arm is broken near the elbow and there are three bad cuts on his head and face. As he is about 70 years of age the injuries are regarded as very serious. W. G. Ward, who was on the scaffold, also fell, but his injuries are only slight.

### Grain Looks Well.

York County farmers are rejoicing over the fine rains of last week. Winter wheat is looking better than at any time in several years and promises another bumper crop. Oats is looking fine and believed to be better than most farmers hoped for. Ground is in fine condition. Many farmers are preparing their ground for corn.

### To Form a Commercial Club.

At Grand Island a declaration for the organization of a commercial club has been signed by thirty-five business men and others interested in the progress of the city, and it is expected that an organization will be perfected at an early date.

### Robbed in Broad Daylight.

In broad daylight A. Myers, a guest at the Millard Hotel at Omaha, was robbed of \$200 at the point of a revolver and the robbers escaped through a crowd of people in the hotel lobby and drove away in a hack.

### Gets Caught in Shafing.

At the brick plant of Glasfong & Dye at Peru Dave Gilliland, in putting on a small belt, backed against a key in a line shaft, which tore his clothing all off except the lower part of his trousers. He is badly bruised, but not seriously hurt.

### RAINS OF MUCH BENEFIT.

### Warm Weather, However, is Needed in Nebraska.

The latest Nebraska crop bulletin, published at Lincoln, says:

Low temperature continued during the week, averaging from 7 to 10 degrees below the normal throughout the state.

The rainfall for the week was the heaviest for the year, and ranged from about .25 of an inch in the northwestern part of the state to over 4 inches in some southeastern counties. In the southwestern section, where the dry conditions have continued for many weeks, the rainfall for the week ranged from 1 to 2 inches.

The fine rains of the week will prove of much benefit to winter wheat and spring grain, pastures and gardens, especially in the central and western sections of the state, where the soil had become very dry. The continued cold has retarded the growth of all vegetation. Winter wheat, however, has grown fairly well and is in excellent condition except where damaged by dry weather in number of southwestern counties. In the southern half of the state oats and some spring wheat are beginning to grow. Considerable corn ground has been plowed and this work was progressing rapidly until delayed in most localities by the heavy rains which secured the latter part of the week. Garden truck is beginning to come up and fruit lands are swelling in the southern sections of the state.

### NEW HOMESTEAD LAW.

### Thousands of Acres Will be Affected in O'Neill District.

There was much rejoicing at O'Neill over the news of the passage of Congressman Kinkaid's 640-acre homestead bill by the national house of representatives. Inquiry at the O'Neill land office developed the fact that the bill applies to this land district and that there is yet about 700,000 acres of public land in this district, divided approximately as follows: Holt County, 148,400 acres; Brown County, 6,620; Garfield County, 145,400; Loup County, 204,000; Rock County, 54,000; Wheeler County, 59,720.

It appears to have long since been recognized that the increase in the acreage of the homestead was the only proper and lasting solution of the public land question in western Nebraska, and is pointed out by those who have had experience that a farmer cannot make a living on a single quarter section of land, but that with 640 acres a careful man, by homesteading, can make a good living for his family on most any section of the purely sand hill lands. If this bill becomes a law it is believed that it will rectify all the trouble heretofore caused by fencing public lands.

### OMAHA MAN SHOT.

### Appears to Have Been a Cold-Blooded Attempt at Murder.

Joe Burns, an Omaha fireman, is lying dangerously wounded at the Clarkson hospital, Omaha, from a revolver shot wound. With his room-mate, Dick Cosser, he was walking home at an early hour when four colored men passed them and one of the party turned and fired. The shot grazed her hand. Dick Cosser then ran for a doctor and returned. She did not see the revolver fired, but supposed it was in Dick Cosser's hands.

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### DIES FROM ACCIDENTAL SHOT

### Smaller Boy Grabs Hold of Gun When It is Discharged.

An accident with a 22-caliber rifle at the Lutheran orphan's home, just east of Fremont, Tuesday noon, resulted in the death of David Rupin, aged 15 years, an inmate of the home.

Young Rupin had been shooting some pigeons and was walking across the yard at the home, holding the gun in both hands. A smaller boy, Peter Sissink, grasped the stock of the weapon and tilted the barrel upward. It was discharged and the ball entered Rupin's right eye, passing thence into the brain. He lingered for several hours and died in the evening.

Young Rupin has been at the home for twelve years, having been placed in it when he was 3 years old. His mother is dead but his father is still living and resides at Topeka, Kan. He was the oldest boy in the home and the accident would not have happened had it not been for the smaller lad, who is but 6 years of age.

### Fractured His Skull.

Daniel Goldsman, a Geneva hardware merchant, fell from his elevator into the cellar. His skull was fractured just above his left eye. He had just gone up in the elevator to the first floor when, noticing that it kept ascending, he thoughtlessly grabbed it in blind panic until compelled to let go. He was taken to the sanitarium, where he is being treated.

### Shot Proved Fatal.

Aaron Stevens, the young man who was accidentally shot last Sunday morning at Hooper, is dead. The injuries, which at first were thought not to be serious, were found afterward to extend further than was supposed. A number of the shot took effect in the abdomen, and the patient suffered intense pain until death relieved his sufferings.

### Telephone Lines Damaged.

The toll lines of the Nebraska Telephone Company were badly damaged at Cortland Sunday evening as a result of the rain and electric storm which visited that section. The lines have been put in repair.

### Caught a Deserter.

Chief of Police Koepfelin at Grand Island and in his custody Joseph Murphy, a young man who recently deserted from the regular army, being a member of the Second United States Infantry, stationed at Fort Logan, Colo. The young man was taken by Special Officer Schumacher to Fort Crook, Omaha.

### Didn't Need a Jury.

Court has been in session at Wayne for the past two days, Judge Boyd presiding. The jury was discharged without having been called to sit in a single case.



### NEBRASKA

Short Notes

Empty houses are becoming so scarce in West Point that vacant store buildings are being used as dwellings.

Articles of incorporation of the Wyandotte Drive Park Association have been filed with the county clerk at Beatrice.

Bishop Williams of Omaha has been engaged to deliver the commencement address at Beatrice this year at the graduating exercises.

F. R. Joy, one of the oldest and best known residents of Gage County, died at his home in Beatrice Sunday of Bright's disease, aged 81 years.

George Ballance of Lincoln has purchased the Elias Sage fruit farm adjoining Plattsmouth, which is considered one of the best fruit farms in that portion of the state.

After twenty-five years' service as pastor of the St. John's Lutheran church and teacher of the German school about four miles south of Harper, Rev. A. Burgh has handed in his resignation.

Farmers who take their grain to Beatrice receive good prices. A wagon load of corn was recently sold on the street for 43 cents per bushel. The regular market price ranges from 32 to 34 cents.

Sneak thieves visited the home of J. C. Segrist in the south part of Humboldt, making away with a watch belonging to Miss Winifred Freeman of Tecumseh, one of the teachers in the Humboldt schools.

Caroline Prieser, a widow living near Butte, attempted suicide recently. She threw a rope over the door. Her son found her nearly dead and she may die. But she would have rendered her some-what doubtful.

Nearly an inch and a half of rain has fallen in eastern Nebraska in the last eighteen hours, says a Lincoln dispatch, and the prospects are that the western part of the state, which has been very dry, will be well drenched.

Several huge cribs of corn belonging to the H. Lynde Company were burned at Dawes with 3,000 bushels of corn and a large quantity of oats. The blaze originated from a spark blown into the chaff from a traction engine.

Samuel I. Gordon has again lost in the supreme court in an effort to collect more salary as police judge of Omaha, by losing the case of Mayor Johnson must first establish his right to the office by "quo warranto" proceedings.

School district No. 53, in Saunders County, has failed in its efforts to secure one-half of the sum of \$1,000 for saloon licenses paid to the village of Colon. The judgment of the lower court dismissing the suit was affirmed by the supreme court.

A special school bond election has been called by the West Point board for the purpose of submitting a proposition to the voters for the issuance of \$8,000 bonds for the erection of an addition to the public school building and equipping the same.

Fourteen thousand sheep that are quartered and being fed at the Crescent stock and feeding yards of Folds & Haley, near Schuyler, are being sheared by machinery. A six-machine plant was put in, and the six men employed shear 700 to 900 animals per day.

All of the carpenters of Schuyler belonging to the carpenters' union are on strike or about to declare one against H. H. Woods, a contractor and builder. They contend for nine hours to constitute a day's work, and the same pay as heretofore for ten hours.

A sharp hail storm passed over Fremont Thursday morning, followed by a cold rain. Farm work of all kinds is backward. Small grain is all in, but of course cannot grow. Fruit is not far enough advanced to be injured by the cold weather. Winter wheat is looking poorly.

The supreme court is of the opinion that a sentence of six years in the penitentiary is not an excessive one for Rev. Richard Gould of Lincoln City, who was sent up from Hamilton County for child stealing. Gould eloped with Miss Eva Flint, 15 years old. Gould had a wife and five children.

Mrs. Mary Harvey of Humboldt has a rare relic in the shape of a wooden canteen carried during the war in the old country by a brother of Mrs. Harvey's grandfather in 1781, the date being plainly inscribed on the outside of the bottle, which is patterned very much after the design now in use. It is made entirely of wood.

The telephone matter again came up before the Humboldt city council for consideration at their regular meeting in the shape of the recently passed ordinance granting a franchise to the new mutual company bearing the name of Mayor John Power. The council took immediate action, passing the measure again over this official's head.

George Walway, alias Frank Sheldon, who was brought from Petersburg, Ont., to York to answer the charge of forging his employer's name to a \$600 check, pleaded guilty when arraigned in county court. He was placed under \$1,500 bonds to appear in district court in June to receive his sentence.

Royal Pier, an uncle of H. C. Orvis, who was assisting at the Orvis barn, Burwell, was killed by a vicious jack. The animal was turned loose in the yard and Pier went to catch him, when he seized the man by the back and shook and pained him so severely that he died in less than an hour.

While H. W. Burkett, who resides southeast of Plattsmouth, was looking over the effects of the late R. L. Kearney he discovered a 50 county script drawn on the York bank of York, Pa., bearing interest at the rate of 1 per cent per annum, which was issued in 1838. Correspondence followed, and a reply came from the bank that the face value of the script would be paid upon presentation.

Lincoln is anxious to have the next convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers held in Lincoln and the delegates to the convention to be held in Los Angeles soon. H. J. Wigenjost and Charles Hook, will have the backing of the Lincoln Commercial Club in their efforts to secure the meeting.

About one month ago P. S. Madden, living fifteen miles southwest of Beatrice, scratched his hand while working, making a slight wound. Several days ago the wound became inflamed and very painful and developed into lockjaw. Mr. Madden is a man about 50 years of age, and his recovery is doubtful.



### NEBRASKA

Reports of 508 banks in Nebraska, compiled by the state banking board, show an increase in deposits of over \$1,700,000 over the report of last November; the number of depositors has increased over 3,000, and the per cent of reserve has increased from 29.4 to 32 per cent. The loans and discounts in the present statement are \$34,052,104.03, while for the November call they were \$34,530,329.29. The total deposits shown by this statement are \$38,777,309.98, while the November statement shows total deposits of \$37,074,882.24. The number of banks over the last statement has increased seven; the number of depositors at this time is 119,675 and the November statement shows the number to be 116,484. The report is a statement of the condition of the banks at the close of business March 17.

The judgment obtained in the district court by H. M. Cameron, administrator of the estate of Joseph R. Gooch, against the County of Johnson, is set aside by the supreme court and the case reversed. Gooch was driving a traction engine over one of the county bridges and the structure giving way beneath him, he was killed. This was on July 25, 1901. Suit was brought for \$5,000 damages. The court says that a county cannot be held as the insurer of those who have succeeded to use its bridges, and that if there are any defects, latent in character, and not discoverable from the ordinary tests and examinations, and if the county is not negligent in that regard, it is not liable.

Representatives of the Nebraska Creamery Company and dairymen from all over the state were at Lincoln Tuesday talking shop. Figures reported at the convention show the number of head of milkers in service to be 1,180,000, valued at \$20,000,000 annually. Here are some figures showing the amount of business done by the butter factories during the last few years, which show the increased interest being taken in dairy matters: In 1898, \$101,990.65; 1899, \$202,871.90; 1900, \$406,068.67; 1901, \$507,221.98; 1902, \$794,913.84; 1903, \$1,250,000. The close of the present year will likely furnish another surprise in the amount of coin that is falling in a golden stream into the laps of the farmers of the state.

Special Examiner Wiggins is at work on the books of Gen. Colby, formerly adjutant general of the state, who was indicted by the federal grand jury at Omaha for being short in his accounts to the extent of a number of blankets amounting in value to \$2,000. The legislature made no appropriation to pay for this examination and Mr. Wiggins will depend upon the next legislature to recompense him. The work was delayed several weeks by the case of the Bankers' Union of the World, Mr. Wiggins having made the investigation of that company, which caused the attorney general to file a motion for an injunction against the company.

The returns of the Sioux City and Western branch of the Lincoln and Sioux Falls Railway were received by the state board of equalization Saturday afternoon. The road returns its mileage in Nebraska at 128.21 miles. The capital stock of the company is \$2,500,000, divided into 25,000 shares of the value of \$100 each, all of which is paid up. The road has no debts, secured or unsecured, and is not quoted on the market. In every mile of road there